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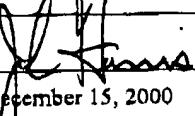
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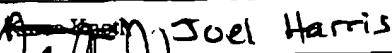
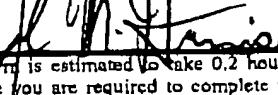
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 09/15/2000, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. Support for these amendments is found in the specification and drawing as filed, including Figures 1-7.

1. (Thrice Amended) An ablation treatment apparatus, comprising:
 a trocar including a tissue piercing distal end, and a hollow lumen extending along a longitudinal axis of the trocar;
 a multiple antenna ablation device configured to be coupled to an electromagnetic energy source, the multiple antenna ablation device including three or more antennas positionable in the lumen and deployable from the trocar lumen with curvature in a lateral direction relative to the longitudinal axis at a selected tissue mass, the antennas configured to create substantially the same geometric ablation shape independent of distance deployed from the distal end of the introducer, each of a deployed antenna having an electromagnetic energy delivery surface size sufficient to create a volumetric ablation between the deployed antennas without impeding out a